RAJYASEVANIRATA S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Deputy President*): Sir, I have very great pleasure in moving the first motion standing in my name, namely that this Assembly tenders its respectful felicitations to Her Highness the Third Princess and Her Consort, on their marriage which was solemnised on the 9th May 1945 and prays for their continued prosperity and Divine blessings on the members of the Royal Family. This proposition has only to be stated before the House to be accepted by it. I need not add many words to commend it for the acceptance of the House.

Sir, the wedding of a Princess of the Royal Family is an event of great importance which is hailed with joy by all people in Travancore and is looked forward to with great eagerness by all sections. The wedding of the Third Princess which was solemnised on the 9th May last was therefore the occasion for great and universal rejoicing among all sections and communities throughout Travancore. Honourable members are aware that people from all parts of the State flocked to Trivandrum during the Pallikettu week and demonstrated their feelings of joy on the occasion by participating in the various festivities connected with the Pallikkettu celebrations.

The rejoicing of the people of Travancore on such an occasion is without parallel and is unique in its nature. The several gracious and graceful acts of His Highness the Maharaja of Travancore have endeared His Highness to the people and have inspired in them a degree of devoted attachment to the Royal House, which is unparalleled in the history of the relationship between the ruler and the ruled. On an auspicious occasion like the wedding of a Princess, our thoughts go out in prayer to the Almighty for Divine blessings and I am sure the House will join with me in tendering our very respectful felicitations to Her Highness the Princess and Her Consort, on their marriage and in offering our fervent prayers for their continued prosperity and health and happiness and for Divine blessings on the members of the Royal Family. I commend my motion for the unanimous acceptance of the House.

The motion was passed *unanimously*.

RAJYASEVANIRATA S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR: Sir, I have very great pleasure in moving the second motion standing in my name, namely that this Assembly records its deep sense of satisfaction at the complete victory of the Allied Nations over Nazi Germany in Europe and at the glorious part played along with their confreres, by the Indian Armed forces in this achievement and tenders its respectful felicitations to the British Government on the termination of the War in Europe.

Sir, during the course of your remarks this morning, you referred to the Allied victory in Europe and to the magnificent part played by the Indian armed forces in achieving this victory. I have very great pleasure in endorsing every sentiment that you gave expression to.

The second World War which was waged by Germany within 25 years of the conclusion of the first, threatened to destroy all that civilisation held dear and destroyed the independence and liberty of several freedom loving nations. The story of the War from the first of

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September 1939 down to the 7th of May 1945 is a story of death, destruction and desolation; of trials and tribulations for several peace-loving nations and the destruction of the political ideals and idealogies cherished and maintained for centuries. The War has affected the destinies of not only the forces that were engaged in armed conflict, but also of the vast multitude of civilians who were engaged in maintaining the home front intact. The War has therefore, been rightly described as total War.

After 5¾ years of hard and bitter struggle, during which the very existence of the British Government was at stake, the German Government and the armed forces of Germany surrendered unconditionally to the Allied Nations on the 7th May 1945. And with that event, Germany has ceased to have independent legal existence. Germany is now a subjugated and occupied country. The military leaders and the armed forces of Germany are now legally in the same category as prisoners of War. The whole German man-power and the property of Germany, both military and private are now at the disposal of the Allied Nations. This is a magnificent achievement. Never before in the history of the world has there been such a complete victory as that which they have won. The Allied nations and particularly the British Government deserve to be congratulated on this magnificent achievement.

India has reason to be proud of the illustrious part played by the Indian armed forces in achieving this victory. India's contribution to the Allied Victory in men, money and equipment has been enormous. India has been the strategic base from which Indian, American and British forces have been striking at the enemies both on the west and on the east. India, in collaboration with Ceylon and with South and East Africa has helped to maintain Allied sea power in the Indian Ocean which effectively isolated Japan from Germany. The 4th Indian Division played a magnificent part in the Abyssinian campaign and later in holding the Egyptian frontier against Rommel. The 8th Indian division has had the honour of leading the assault on Italy and carrying the war into the enemy's territory. The contribution of the Indian States, particularly of Travancore to India's war effort has been very considerable. I may make special mention of H. H. the Maharaja's presentation to the Royal Indian Navy of the Mine sweeper and trawler H. M. I. S. Travancore and of two fighter planes to the Royal Indian Air Force and contributions to the extent of about Rs. 30 lakhs for war purposes funds and also the magnificent contribution of Her Highness the Maharani of one lakh of rupees for the War Purposes Fund of H. E. the Viceroy. Pointed reference was made by you, Sir, about the essential supplies and services rendered by Travancore in achieving the victory. These have played a remarkable part in furthering India's war effort. We Travancoreans are proud of the great part played by Travancore.

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Although the war is still on we are justified in rejoicing over the victory that has been achieved in Europe, because we have been brought very much nearer to the post-war period than ever before which brings with it so many hopes and so many aspirations. It is difficult to prophesy the end of the war in the East. But the victory which has been achieved in Europe inspires us with justifiable optimism in hoping that the end of the second half is in sight and that we shall soon pass into the bright sunshine of peace.

The armed forces of India have fought in Africa, the Middle East, Italy and the Far East on equal terms with the British, American and other Allied Forces and high tributes have been paid to their fighting qualities by those who are competent to pronounce an opinion on the matter. His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief of India and the Secretary of State for India have paid fitting tributes to the quality of our men engaged in the fighting lines. It can now be said without fear of contradiction that India can raise as fine an army as any other country in the world and it is a matter of happy augury to India, for when she realises her ambition of becoming self-governing country, she must necessarily be a self-protecting country as well.

The Allied Nations are engaged in setting up an organisation for securing the world from the horrors of a third world war. The most effective means of tackling this problem is to eliminate all potent causes of friction between nation and nation, political, economic and social. The economic exploitation of one country by another, the conception of the racial superiority of one nation over another, all these concepts should yield place to new concepts, if the world is to be free from the horrors of another war. Sir, I move the motion for the acceptance of the House.

MR. KADAKKAVOOR P. MADHAVAN (*Chirayinkil cum Nedumangad*) : Sir, in seconding the motion moved by the Deputy President, I do not propose to make a long speech. My only object is to make the House feel our responsibility to thank God for our great deliverance. In 1939, the conscience of the world was profoundly shocked by the manifestation of arrogant unrighteousness of the then ruler of Germany. That manifestation was but the culmination of a long series of intimidation of the weak from the annihilation, and extinction of the Jewish people from the Reich to the rape of Czechoslovakia and Poland. The voice of our country, India was then given through the mouth of Mahatma Gandhi and other Indian leaders in moral condemnation of the inhuman brutalities of the German people. But that voice did not reach the faction in power in Germany, for, it was not carried in the wings of high explosive shells. Hitler himself has once said that people join together either for good ideals or for common criminality. The latter part of the saying was true as far the German people were concerned. They joined together for common criminality and the inhumanities and brutalities of the German people were condemned by the whole world. At this juncture the whole world should remember the great work done by the big three *viz.*, Mr. Roosevelt, Mr. Churchill and Marshal

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[Mr. Kadakkavoor P. Madhavan.]

Stalin. The House will remember the memorable words uttered by Mr. Churchill when he assumed the stewardship of Great Britain. He offered blood, toil, sweat and tears to his countrymen. Mr. Churchill was aware of the Hitler menace even in the year 1930. But his countrymen did not pay heed to his advice. He was aware of the strength of Hitler from the military side as well. He was also aware that Germany bounded up with amazing speed to prosperity at the expense of exploitation. Mr. Churchill preserved in the darkest days with unflinching courage to keep up the morale of the people and get victory out of defeat. It is only fitting as the President referred this morning to refer to the contribution which H. H. the Maharaja and the Travancore Government have made in support of the War efforts. The Travancore Government have placed everything at the disposal of the Allies as soon as the war broke out. It is only fitting to recollect that the first and Second Infantry in the State have been sent out to help the Allied cause by fighting on their side against the Nazi menace. Sir, you referred to the fact that about Rs. 30 lakhs was contributed towards the war efforts of the United Nations. Not only that, the greatest contribution made from Travancore is by means of materials. Timber, coir and other raw materials were sent out of Travancore as contribution to the war efforts. It is well to remember that about 80,000 persons from Travancore have joined the Army voluntarily which is exclusive of the King's Commissioned and other officers that are being recruited from time to time from Travancore. It is also well worth remembering that we have contributed about 78 units consisting of 850 labourers per unit working in Assam and other parts of India. So much has been done towards the war efforts. Sir, in seconding the motion, I have to remind this House of one point, namely, that the call of the day is for the preservation of peace, for the preservation of democracy and preservation of liberty of every subject, and I hope that honourable members would respond to this call.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Sir, I wish to move the following amendment to the motion proposed by the Deputy President:

"In line 5, for the expression "British Government" substitute "United Nations" and add at the end "and hopes that this victory will lead to the establishment of world peace and immediate attainment of independence by India and other subject nations."

RAJYASEVANIRATA S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR: It is open to him to move it as a formal amendment, and the House will decide on the matter.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: I had given notice of this amendment already. The war has ended in the West by the unconditional surrender of Germany and by the surrender of its forces in land, sea and air in the different parts of Europe. The news was received with a considerable sigh of relief. It was hailed with rejoicing on May 8th throughout the world as a day of Victory for the United Nations. The grim shadow of Nazi menace has been removed. It means the end of insane slaughter. We must never forget at what great price this freedom—

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MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Sir, we have not been given a copy of the amendment proposed by Mr. K. A. Mathew. I would like to get a copy of the same at least now.

PRESIDENT: It is open to any honourable member to oppose the amendment on the ground of non-availability of a copy of the same. The House will consider the admissibility of the amendment.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: We received a copy of the resolution to be moved by Mr. Chattanatha Karayalar only yester-night and naturally the rule relating to motions cannot be complied with. The same rule has to be followed in the case of amendments too.

PRESIDENT: Due to certain circumstances, in view of what has happened I cannot rule the motion out of order. Technically the amendment also cannot be ruled out of order. It is for the House to decide whether the amendment is now in order or not in order. At the time when the Deputy President moved his formal motion nobody objected to that. Whereas in the case of the amendment an objection having been taken it is open to the House to decide that point.

(The sense of the House was taken on the amendment. Fourteen members voted for the amendment and over 26 members voted against the amendment. The amendment was negatived.)

MR. A. R. SULAIMAN SAIT (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Sir, in seconding the original resolution, I may be permitted to speak a few words. This is a period of universal rejoicing and thanksgiving throughout the whole world, because the Allied Nations were able to achieve complete victory over the forces of evil in Europe. Soon after the war broke out, for about two or three years the atmosphere was very gloomy and dark and the Germans were gaining victories after victories in Europe and at that time many people even doubted whether the Allies will be able to come out successful in the war. But the net result of the war has been that the ultimate triumph is for those who are fighting for a good and just cause and not for those who are trying to destroy it. In the greatest hour of their trial and in the darkest period of their history the Allied nations did not give up hope but finally decided to carry on the fight until victory was won. By the grace of God they have seen it and they have given a crushing blow to the Nazi Germans who were once thinking to dominate the whole world.

With the success of the Allies in Europe we should not be under the impression that war has finally come to an end. In the far East the war is still going on and the Japanese are resisting with all their strength. But the trend of events in the past few days has conclusively proved that there also the Japanese are losing their ground. The fall of Rangoon and other places in Burma is a positive proof of the increased strength of the Allies there and I am sure that before long it will be possible for the Allies to achieve complete victory in the far East also. Then only will everlasting and permanent peace be established in the world. Let us all pray for it.

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Sir, the contribution made by the Princes and people of India in this great struggle is not insignificant. As a matter of fact the people of India have contributed to a very large extent towards the successful termination of the war. The Princes of India have generously contributed with men and money. His gracious Highness our Maharaja also placed all the resources of the State at the disposal of His Majesty's Government for the successful prosecution of the war and when victory is won in Europe the people of Travancore are also legitimately proud of the very great part played by their beloved Ruler. Let us hope that with the dawn of a new era we will be able to see a new and better order which will bring complete peace and harmony for the whole world.

MR. K. G. KESAVAN NAIR: Sir, I have very great pleasure to support the motion moved by the Deputy President. It is a matter on which we have to regret much that the exploitation in the world and the scramble for power and wealth and desire for sovereignty over the world and other things have contributed to two gigantic wars in the world in a space of a generation of 30 years in Europe and it is a matter of profound satisfaction and thankfulness that in these two great wars India has been spared of the troubles, difficulties and sufferings. It is also a matter of profound satisfaction that we in this State under the aegis of His Highness the Maharaja and under the able guidance of the Government have contributed men, material and money which have so materially affected favourably the prosecution of the war. In the history of the world, at the close of every great war people thought that war was waged in order to end all wars on the face of the earth. Attempts have been made on several occasions to end the war. But all those attempts have failed. At the close of the great world war number one the master minds of the world envisaged an everlasting peace and brought into existence the League of Nations. But that League of Nations was short lived and it failed to serve its purpose well. Even now we see the revival of the same aspirations which prompted the League of Nations at San Francisco. Let us hope that by the collaboration of the great men of the world everlasting peace will be established on earth. Sir, you have stated elsewhere that the only hope of attaining everlasting peace is to have a world union of all powers in perpetual session. I think that it is a matter which ought to engage the attention of those collaborating at San Francisco. Again you in your last budget speech predicted that the war in the Western hemisphere would end within an year. Your prediction has come true. Praying that the same wholesale and complete victory be won over the Japanese also in the far East and hoping that everlasting peace will be established, I support the motion so ably moved by the Deputy President.

The motion was put and carried.

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